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RESOLUTIONS AND DECISIONS WITHOUT A VOTE

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¶1. Summary. On December 11, after consideration of the reports of the Sixth Committee, the UN General Assembly adopted without a vote fifteen resolutions and two decisions. In its explanation of vote on the terrorism resolution, India reserved the right to introduce, at any time, a proposal under the terrorism agenda item. End Summary.

¶2. The General Assembly adopted without a vote the following resolutions:

-- Agenda Item 72: Nationality of Natural Persons in Relation to the Succession of States;

-- Agenda Item 73: Criminal Accountability;

-- Agenda Item 74: UNCITRAL-related resolutions: Omnibus Resolution on the Report of UNCITRAL; Legislative Guide on Secured Transactions; and United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Carriage of Goods Wholly or Partly by Sea;

-- Agenda Item 75: International Law Commission related resolutions: Report of the International Law Commission; Law of Transboundary Aquifers;

-- Agenda Item 76: Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Convention;

-- Agenda Item 77: Consideration of Effective Measures to Enhance the Protection, Security and Safety of Diplomatic and Consular Missions and Representatives;

-- Agenda Item 78: Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations;

-- Agenda Item 79: The Rule of Law at the National and International Levels;

-- Agenda Item 99: Measures to Eliminate International Terrorism;

-- Agenda Item 150: Host Country Committee;

-- Agenda Item 151: Observer status for the South Centre;

-- Agenda Item 153: Observer status for the University of Peace; and

-- Agenda Item 156: Observer status for the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea.

In addition, the General Assembly adopted without a vote a decision on the Administration of Justice at the United Nations (Agenda Item 129) and a decision on the schedule of work for the 64th session (Agenda Item 110). The United States joined consensus, as it had done at the Sixth Committee (Reftel).

¶2. While the General Assembly's consideration of almost all agenda items was concluded, consideration of the terrorism and Administration of Justice agenda items was concluded "at this stage."

INDIA'S EXPLANATION OF VOTE

¶3. India, in its explanation of vote on the terrorism resolution, said that, in light of recent events, there should be no complacency in the fight against terrorism, and that acts of terrorism should not be tolerated. While India joined consensus on the terrorism resolution, it said that it reserves the right to introduce, at any time, a proposal under the terrorism agenda item.

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